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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Last year, when this question of granting subsidy to the Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium was raised, it was stated by the Hon. Minister that it would be given. Will the Government consider at least now to grant the necessary subsidy to this sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered that it will be considered."

*Enquiry into cases filed against Harijans in Malabar*

* 999 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the District Harijan Welfare Committee, Malabar, at its meeting held on 29th November 1954 requesting the Government to appoint an Inspector of Police on special duty to enquire into cases, wherever Harijans are involved in Malabar; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, numerous cases of assault on Harijans are being reported in the district of Malabar and Police very rarely take action in such cases. In the light of this fact, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of appointing an Inspector to be in special charge of these cases and investigate them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already answered that the matter is under investigation."

*Purchase of tractors*

* 1000 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tractors purchased in 1946 from Army surplus stores;

(b) how many of them are in use now; and

(c) the total cost of all the tractors?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 33.

" (b) 32.

" (c) Rs. 5,79,932."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In view of the fact that tractors purchased from Army surplus are less costly than those purchased from companies, may I know the difference between the rate charged for ploughing one acre of land by a tractor purchased